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COULD VIOXX AND CELEBREX INCREASE HEART RISK? Two studies conducted by the makers of these very expensive, very popular arthritis drugs raise this worrisome question.

Merck (maker of Celebrex) and Pharmacia (Vioxx) submitted the studies to the FDA to help convince the agency to remove some label warnings.

Vioxx, Pharmacia's study showed, was a little safer on the stomach (the purported advantage of both drugs) than a high-dose, prescription version of Aleve, but Vioxx worked no better to relieve arthritis symptoms -- and takers had significantly more heart attacks, hypertension and other heart-related side effects. In Merck's study, Celebrex was no safer on the stomach than either a prescription or OTC anti-inflammatory, and Celebrex takers seemed more likely to have chest pain and heart attacks.

FDA committee members concluded the safety warnings should remain, the risk of heart problems should be added to labels -- and that the cardiovascular side effects need a closer look. The companies link the effects to the fact that their drugs, unlike those to which they were compared, lack blood-thinning effects -- not entirely a bad thing.

UNDER THE BAR Many high protein/low carbohydrate bars contain less protein and more carbs than they claim, says the National Consumers League. The group tested Met-Rx Protein Plus, Atkins Diet Advantage, Premier Protein and other bars dieters and athletes use for energy and quick meals. The results might get some bars cut from the team.

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Among tricks used to understate carbs: Labels omit glycerin -- a sweetener -- from the "total carbohydrates" declaration. And labels tout "high protein" without stating how much of the daily protein requirement the bars provide -- a violation of labeling regs.

NCL accused the makers of exploiting the high-protein/low-carb craze and urged FDA action.

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**CORRECTION:**

The name of two drugs' makers were transposed in an item in the Scan column in the March 13 Health section. Merck & Co. makes the drug Vioxx and Pharmacia Corp. makes the drug Celebrex.

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